

colleagues here talked about the national debt of Mexico. Is, in fact, the Mexican economy strong and stable?

Ms. KAPTUR. The Mexican economy is not strong and stable, and the nation is not politically stable, which is why there is all of this moving up and down of the value of the peso. Mexico owes somewhere between \$160 and \$200 billion. That is with a "b." That is in public debt that is owed to other creditors. This is only one small piece of it. This is probably the piece that they thought they might be able to bite off without too many people disagreeing, but there is a lot more money owed, and then inside Mexico, because of the strange relationship between their private sector and their public sector and their banks, there are all kinds of debts internal to Mexico, and with interest rates going up there and with the inflation rates going up, it is a very unstable economic situation inside of Mexico.

The value of their money has just been cut in half. Lots of businesses there have loans. The relationship of those businesses to their banks, to the inflation rate, et cetera, is a very unstable situation, and the largest revenue generator to the Government is Pemex, the oil company.

Over, I think, nearly half the revenues of that Government are generated by Pemex, so that is another place that the oil revenues are pledged as collateral to their own Government.

I happen to believe that Mexico's main problems are not economic but, rather, social and political; in other words, if you could get a system there that operated in a more democratic fashion, could you begin to put the pieces in place of an economic order that shared the wealth with the vast majority of people rather than just at few people on the top.

Mr. SANDERS. The main point I wanted to make very briefly is that it is not for sure that this \$40 billion loan guarantee is without significant risk, and that is the main point I wanted to make.

Ms. KAPTUR. It is absolutely with significant risk.

Mr. DEFAZIO. I think this was a question I asked very early on when I was contacted, when I filed my legislation to withdraw from NAFTA. They brought up all of these concerns about how it would further destabilize the economic situation. They said we are only cosigning, and I said, well, I understood if someone had impeccable credit they would not need a cosigner. Usually you get a cosignor because no one else wants to extend you credit, and they think maybe you would not be good for it. If Mexico's credit is so great, I suggest they go to the same Wall Street financiers who have made 20- to 50-percent interest, nice rate of return, and perhaps say, "Look, you have been making a lot of money down in Mexico, how about extending some loans on favorable terms, maybe only 15-20 percent interest per year as opposed to what we have been paying

you, still better than you can get generally in the United States stock market, S&P index, United States Treasury, better than you can get anywhere else."

I would assume the Wall Street financiers, thinking there is no problem, if they want the Government to cosign, why do they not just do it directly. Why do not they do it themselves? They are telling us we will make money on this. The taxpayers might make money on it. Might lose \$40 billion on it, but, this is a river boat gamble. We are river boat gamblers with \$40 billion of assets of the United States of America that belong to the people of this country. I do not think so. That is not our role here. Let the people on Wall Street be the river boat gamblers, not the people on Main Street.

Ms. KAPTUR. I am telling you, if those people on Wall Street and in the banks around this country made as risky investments as this group did down in Mexico, our entire banking system would be in a state of collapse.

Mr. SANDERS. Essentially what we want is two things. We need far more information about this bailout and, second of all, and most importantly, we want the U.S. Congress, which presumably was elected to represent the American people, to be able to vote this thing up or down, and in my view, the Congress would vote it down.

Now, I think if the American people are upset about this process, it is terribly important that they stand up, they tell the President and the Republican leadership that they understand what is going on, that they want a vote on the floor of the House, they want the Members of Congress to represent their interest and not put \$40 billion at risk.

So we hope very much that the people will stand up, fight back, and start calling their Members of Congress, the President's office, and the leadership to demand a vote on this important issue.

Ms. KAPTUR. I want to thank the gentleman from Vermont [Mr. SANDERS] for joining us this evening, the gentleman from Oregon [Mr. DEFAZIO], the gentleman from Mississippi [Mr. TAYLOR], and the gentleman from Ohio [Mr. BROWN].

RULES AND PROCEDURE FOR THE COMMITTEE ON THE BUDGET FOR THE 104TH CONGRESS

(Mr. KASICH asked and was given permission to extend his remarks at this point in the RECORD and to include extraneous matter.)

Mr. KASICH. Mr. Speaker, pursuant to clause 2 of rule XI of the Rules of the House of Representatives, I am pleased to submit the Rules of the Committee on the Budget for the 104th Congress and ask that they be printed in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD. These rules were adopted by the committee in open session on January 6, 1995.

RULES OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE BUDGET MEETINGS

Rule 1—Regular meetings

The regular meeting day of the committee shall be the second Wednesday of each month at 11 a.m., while the House is in session.

The chairman is authorized to dispense with a regular meeting when he determines there is no business to be considered by the committee, provided that he gives written notice to that effect to each member of the committee as far in advance of the regular meeting day as the circumstances permit.

Regular meetings shall be canceled when they conflict with meetings of either party's caucus or conference.

Rule 2—Additional and special meetings

The chairman may call and convene additional meetings of the committee as he considers necessary, or special meetings at the request of a majority of the member of the committee in accordance with House Rule XI, clause 2(c).

In the absence of exceptional circumstances, the chairman shall provide written or verbal notice of additional meetings to the office of each member at least 24 hours in advance while Congress is in session, and at least 3 days in advance when Congress is not in session.

Rule 3—Open business meetings

Each meeting for the transaction of committee business, including the markup of measures, shall be open to the public except when the committee, in open session and with a quorum present, determines by roll-call vote that all or part of the remainder of the meeting on that day shall be closed to the public in accordance with House Rule XI, clause 2 (g)(1). No person other than members of the committee and such congressional staff and departmental representatives as they may authorize shall be present at any business or markup session which has been closed to the public. This rule shall not apply to any meeting that relates solely to matters concerning the internal administration of the committee.

Rule 4—Quorums

A majority of the committee shall constitute a quorum. No business shall be transacted and no measure or recommendation shall be reported unless a quorum is actually present.

Rule 5—Recognition

Any member, when recognized by the Chairman, may address the committee on any bill, motion, or other matter under consideration before the committee. The time of such member shall be limited to 5 minutes until all members present have been afforded an opportunity to comment.

Rule 6—Consideration of business

Measures or matters may be placed before the committee, for its consideration, by the chairman or by a majority vote of the members of the committee, a quorum being present.

Rule 7—Procedure for consideration of budget resolution

It shall be the policy of the committee that the starting point for any deliberations on a concurrent resolution on the budget should be the estimated or actual levels for the fiscal year preceding the budget year.

In developing a concurrent resolution on the budget, the committee shall first proceed, unless otherwise determined by the committee, to consider budget aggregates, functional categories, and other appropriate matters on a tentative basis, with the document before the committee open to amendment; subsequent amendments may be offered to aggregates, functional categories, or

other appropriate matters which have already been amended in their entirety.

Following adoption of the aggregates, functional categories, and other matters, the text of a concurrent resolution on the budget incorporating such aggregates, functional categories, and other appropriate matters shall be considered for amendment and a final vote.

Rule 8—Rollcall votes

A rollcall of the members may be had upon the request of at least one-fifth of those present. In the apparent absence of a quorum, a rollcall may be had on the request of any member.

Rule 9—Parliamentarian's Status Report and Section 302 Status Report

(a) In order to carry out its duty under section 311 of the Congressional Budget Act to advise the House of Representatives as to the current level of spending and revenues as compared to the levels set forth in the latest agreed-upon concurrent resolution on the budget, the committee shall advise the Speaker on at least a monthly basis when the House is in session as to its estimate of the current level of spending and revenue. Such estimates shall be prepared by the staff of the committee, transmitted to the Speaker in the form of a Parliamentarian's Status Report, and printed in the Congressional Record.

The committee authorizes the chairman, in consultation with the ranking minority member, to transmit to the Speaker the Parliamentarian's Status Report described above.

(b) In order to carry out its duty under section 302 of the Congressional Budget Act to advise the House of Representatives as to the current level of spending within the jurisdiction of committees as compared to the appropriate allocations made pursuant to the Budget Act in conformity with the latest agreed-upon concurrent resolution on the budget, the committee shall, as necessary, advise the Speaker as to its estimate of the current level of spending within the jurisdiction of appropriate committees. Such estimates shall be prepared by the staff of the committee and transmitted to the Speaker in the form of a Section 302 Status Report.

The committee authorizes the chairman, in consultation with the ranking minority member, to transmit to the Speaker the Section 302 Status Report described above.

HEARINGS

Rule 10—Announcement of hearings

The chairman shall publicly announce the date, place, and subject matter of any committee hearing at least 1 week before the commencement of that hearing, unless he determines there is good cause to begin such hearing at an earlier date, in which case public announcement shall be made at the earliest possible date.

Rule 11—Open hearings

Each hearing conducted by the committee or any of its task forces shall be open to the public except when the committee or task force, in open session and with a quorum present, determines by rollcall vote that all or part of the remainder of that hearing on that day shall be closed to the public because disclosure of testimony, evidence, or other matters to be considered would endanger the national security, or would compromise sensitive law enforcement information, or would tend to defame, degrade, or incriminate any person, or would violate any law or rule of the House of Representatives. The committee or task forces may by the same procedure vote to close one subsequent day of hearing.

For the purposes of House Rule XI, clause 2(g)(2), the task forces of the committee are considered to be subcommittees.

*Rule 12—Quorums**

For the purpose of hearing testimony, not less than two members of the committee shall constitute a quorum.

Rule 13—Time for questioning witnesses

Committee members shall have not to exceed 5 minutes to interrogate each witness until such time as each member who so desires has had an opportunity to interrogate such witness.

After all members have had an opportunity to ask questions, the round shall begin again under the 5-minute rule.

In questioning witnesses under the 5-minute rule, the chairman and the ranking minority member may be recognized first, after which members may be recognized in the order of their arrival at the hearing. Among the members present at the time the hearing is called to order, seniority shall be recognized. In recognizing members to question witnesses, the chairman may take into consideration the ratio of majority members to minority members and the number of majority and minority members present and shall apportion the recognition for questioning in such a manner as not to disadvantage the members of the majority.

Rule 14—Subpoenas and oaths

In accordance with House Rule XI, clause 2(m) subpoenas authorized by a majority of the committee may be issued over the signature of the chairman or of any member of the committee designated by him, and may be served by any person designated by the chairman or such member.

The chairman, or any member of the committee designated by the chairman, may administer oaths to witnesses.

Rule 15—Witnesses' statements

So far as practicable, any prepared statement to be presented by a witness shall be submitted to the committee at least 48 hours in advance of presentation, and shall be distributed to all members of the committee in advance of presentation.

Rule 16—Committee prints

All committee prints and other materials prepared for public distribution shall be approved by the committee prior to any distribution, unless such print or other material shows clearly on its face that it has not been approved by the committee.

BROADCASTING

Rule 17—Broadcasting of meeting and hearings

It shall be the policy of the committee to give all news media access to open hearings of the committee, subject to the requirements and limitations set forth in House Rule XI, clause 3. Whenever any committee business meeting is open to the public, that meeting may be covered, in whole or in part, by television broadcast, radio broadcast, and still photography, or by any such methods of coverage, in accordance with House Rule XI, clause 3.

STAFF

Rule 18—Committee staff

(a) Subject to approval by the committee, and to the provisions of the following paragraphs, the professional and clerical staff of the committee shall be appointed, and may be removed, by the chairman.

Committee staff shall not be assigned any duties other than those pertaining to committee business, and shall be selected without regard to race, creed, sex, or age, and solely on the basis of fitness to perform the duties of their respective positions.

All committee staff shall be entitled to equitable treatment, including comparable sal-

aries, facilities, access to official committee records, leave, and hours of work.

(b) Associate staff for members of the committee may be appointed only at the discretion of the chairman (in consultation with the ranking minority member regarding any minority party associate staff), after taking into consideration any staff ceilings and budgetary constraints in effect at the time, and any terms, limits, or conditions established by the Committee on House Oversight under clause 6 of House Rule XI. Such staff members shall be compensated at a rate, determined by the member, not to exceed \$60,000 per year; provided, that no member shall appoint more than one person pursuant to these provisions; provided further, that members designating a staff member under this subsection must certify by letter to the chairman that the employee is needed and will be utilized for committee work and, to the extent space is available, will spend no less than 10 hours per week in committee offices performing committee work.

Rule 19—Staff supervision

Staff shall be under the general supervision and direction of the chairman, who shall establish and assign their duties and responsibilities, delegate such authority as he deems appropriate, fix and adjust staff salaries (in accordance with House Rule XI, clause 6(c)) and job titles, and, in his discretion, arrange for their specialized training.

Staff assigned to the minority shall be under the general supervision and direction of the minority members of the committee, who may delegate such authority as they deem appropriate.

COMMITTEE RECORDS

Rule 20—Preparation and maintenance of committee records

An accurate stenographic record shall be made of all hearings and business meetings.

The proceedings of the committee shall be recorded in a journal which shall, among other things, include a record of the votes on any question on which a record vote is demanded.

Members of the committee shall correct and return transcripts of hearings as soon as practicable after receipt thereof, except that any changes shall be limited to technical, grammatical, and typographical corrections.

Any witness may examine the transcript of his own testimony and make grammatical, technical, and typographical corrections.

The chairman may order the printing of a hearing record without the corrections of any member or witness if he determines that such member or witness has been afforded a reasonable time for correction, and that further delay would seriously impede the committee's responsibility for meeting its deadlines under the Congressional Budget Act of 1974.

Transcripts of hearings and meetings may be printed if the chairman decides it is appropriate, or if a majority of the members so request.

Rule 21—Access to Committee Records

(a) The chairman shall promulgate regulations to provide for public inspection of rollcall votes and to provide access by members to committee records (in accordance with House Rule XI, clause 2(e)).

Access to classified testimony and information shall be limited to Members of Congress and to House Budget Committee staff and stenographic reporters who have appropriate security clearance.

Notice of the receipt of such information shall be sent to the committee members. Such information shall be kept in the committee safe, and shall be available to members in the committee office.

*(b) The records of the committee at the National Archives and Records Administration shall be made available for public use in accordance with Rule XXXVI of the Rules of the House of Representatives. The chairman shall notify the ranking minority member of any decision, pursuant to clause 3(b)(3) or clause 4(b) of the rule, to withhold a record otherwise available, and the matter shall be presented to the committee for a determination on the written request of any member of the committee.

APPLICABILITY OF HOUSE RULES

Rule 22—Applicability of House Rules

Except as otherwise specified herein, the Rules of the House are the rules of the committee so far as applicable, except that a motion to recess from day to day is a motion of high privilege.

CONFEREES

Rule 23—Appointment of conferees

Majority party members recommended to the Speaker as conferees shall be recommended by the chairman subject to the approval of the majority party members of the committee. The chairman shall recommend such minority party members as conferees as shall be determined by the minority party, provided that the recommended party representation shall be in approximately the same proportion as that in the committee.

MISCELLANEOUS

Rule 24—Waivers

When a reported bill or joint resolution, conference report, or anticipated floor amendment violates any provision of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, the chairman may, if practical, consult with the committee members on whether the chairman should recommend, in writing, that the Committee on Rules report a special rule that enforces the act by not waiving the applicable points of order during the consideration of such measure.

Rule 25—Report on the budget resolution

The report of the committee to accompany a concurrent budget resolution shall include a comparison of the estimated or actual levels for the year preceding the budget year with the proposed spending and revenue levels for the budget year and each out year along with the appropriate percentage increase or decrease for each budget function and aggregate. The report shall include any rollcall vote on any motion to amend or report any measure.

Rule 26—Oversight

Not later than February 15 of the first session of a Congress, the committee shall meet in open session, with a quorum present, to adopt its oversight plans for that Congress for submission to the Committee on House Oversight and the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight in accordance with the provisions of clause 2(d) of House Rule X.

* Written rule required by House Rules.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Mr. FROST (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT) for Monday, February 6, and Tuesday, February 7, on account of illness in the family.

SPECIAL ORDERS GRANTED

By unanimous consent, permission to address the House, following the legis-

lative program and any special orders heretofore entered, was granted to:

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. STUPAK) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. OWENS, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. STUPAK, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. FILNER, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. JACKSON-LEE, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. CHAPMAN, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. ENGEL, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. MEEHAN, for 5 minutes, today.

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. COBURN) to revise and extend their remarks and included extraneous material:)

Mr. COBURN, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. WELDON of Florida, for 5 minutes, today.

(The following Member (at his own request) to revise and extend his remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. MCINNIS, for 5 minutes, today.

EXTENSION OF REMARKS

By unanimous consent, permission to revise and extend remarks was granted to:

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. STUPAK) and to include extraneous matter:)

Mr. BRYANT of Texas in three instances.

Mr. CARDIN.

Mr. ACKERMAN.

Mr. HINCHEY.

Mr. TRAFICANT.

Mr. TOWNS in two instances.

Ms. RIVERS.

Mr. ORTIZ.

Mr. BARRETT of Wisconsin.

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. COBURN) and to include extraneous matter:)

Mr. FIELDS of Texas.

Mr. ENSIGN.

Mr. MCINNIS in four instances.

Mr. SEASTRAND.

Mr. WOLF.

Mr. PACKARD.

Mr. YOUNG of Florida.

(The following Members (at the request of Ms. KAPTUR) and to include extraneous matter:)

Mrs. MORELLA.

Mr. FILNER.

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ADJOURNMENT

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly, at 9 o'clock and 20 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until tomorrow, Tuesday, February 7, 1995, at 9:30 a.m.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 2 of rule XXIV, executive communications were taken from

the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

303. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting his request to make available emergency appropriations totaling \$150 million in budget authority for the Forest Service of the Department of Agriculture, and to designate these amounts as emergency requirements pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(D)(i) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985, as amended, pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 1107 (H. Doc. No. 104-27); to the Committee on Appropriations and ordered to be printed.

304. A letter from the Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense (Installations), Department of Defense, transmitting a report entitled, "Report on the Performance of Department of Defense Commercial Activities", pursuant to 10 U.S.C. 2461(c); to the Committee on National Security.

305. A letter from the Assistant Administrator for Legislative and Public Affairs, U.S. Agency for International Development, transmitting a report on human rights in countries receiving development assistance, pursuant to section 116(d)(3) of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961, as amended; to the Committee on International Relations.

306. A letter from the Chairman, Federal Election Commission, transmitting 63 recommendations for legislative action, pursuant to 2 U.S.C. 438(a)(9); to the Committee on House Oversight.

307. A letter from the Chairman, Federal Election Commission, transmitting proposed regulations governing personal use of campaign funds, pursuant to 2 U.S.C. 438(d); to the Committee on House Oversight.

308. A letter from the Administrator, Federal Railroad Administration, transmitting the Administration's report entitled, "Train Dispatchers Followup Review," pursuant to Public Law 102-365, section 17 (106 Stat. 981); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES ON PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XIII, reports of committees were delivered to the Clerk for printing and reference to the proper calendar, as follows:

Mr. SPENCE: Committee on National Security. H.R. 7. A bill to revitalize the national security of the United States; with an amendment (Rept. 104-18, Pt. 1). Ordered to be printed.

Mr. GILMAN: Committee on International Relations. H.R. 7. A bill to revitalize the national security of the United States; with an amendment (Rept. 104-18, Pt. 2). Ordered to be printed.

Mr. COMBEST: Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence. H.R. 7. A bill to revitalize the national security of the United States; with amendments (Rept. 104-18, Pt. 3). Ordered to be printed.

Ms. PRYCE: Committee on Rules. House Resolution 60. Resolution providing for the consideration of the bill (H.R. 665) to control crime by mandatory victim restitution (Rept. 104-19). Referred to the House Calendar.

Mr. DIAZ-BALART: Committee on Rules. House Resolution 61. Resolution providing for the consideration of the bill (H.R. 666) to control crime by exclusionary rule reform (Rept. 104-20). Referred to the House Calendar.

Mr. MCCOLLUM: Committee on the Judiciary. H.R. 667. A bill to control crime by incarcerating violent criminals; with an amendment (Rept. 104-21). Referred to the